

To the people at the FCC-XM Radio is a service I have chosen to pay for, so that I don't have to listen to "Radio Personalities" drone on and on about things I don't find amusing or interesting and so that I don't have to listen to advertising that insults my intelligence. I love the fact that I CAN CHOOSE what genre of music I want to listen to and it's continual music with an occasional interruption pertaining to the music.

When I found out that XM Radio was going to offer Traffic and Weather I was excited, but still a little apprehensive - I wasn't sure of the format. You see I'm used to having to wait 10 - 60 minutes to hear a BRIEF report - depending on the radio station. When I did hear a report it was pretty much an overview - in the Washington DC Metro area an overview is not comprehensive enough to avoid major delays. Since XM Radio has offered Traffic and Weather I have avoided some major delays, because XM Radio offers an overview, then a more comprehensive report on the Washington DC Metro area. I can choose if I want a brief overview or a more in depth report. They let me know things like traffic speed and how long it will take to travel between point A and B, what roads are jammed and exactly where and approximate time of the occurrence, they also cover more roads than other stations. It is comprehension that I am paying for along with choice.

The NAB needs to stay in the public domain and leave XM Radio alone so that it can continue to provide a very VALUABLE service - That I pay for. It's more than a monthly fee to me - I had to replace the entire stereo system in my car and add a special antenna and when I sold my car I had it all taken out and put in my new car. I paid for someone to do that for me. It is that important to me not to have to be barraged by public radio. I have a choice - I would like it to stay that way.

I am tired of businesses who don't want to improve their product or services getting the government to impede thriving, competitive, and valuable businesses from taking "their" customers away. Those businesses who ingage in such practices GAVE AWAY their customers and then they whine about it and use their influence and money to get back what really wasn't theirs in the first place - my choice. If NAB wants me to listen to their Weather and Traffic Reports they better give me the comprehensive reports that XM Radio does. They better improve what goes out over the airwaves. Until they do I am through with public radio stations.

It is a gross waste of our government's time and resources to allow such frivolity - Aren't there more pressing issues that our government needs to attend to?! Issues which I'm paying them to attend to?!

Thank you for hearing my point of view on this matter. I hope that in the future I will still be able to adeptly navigate my way around the Washington DC Beltway and Metro area using XM Radio's Traffic and Weather Report.

Sincerely,  
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